

SUFFERED TORTURE IN A DORY AT SEA

Mrs. John Carter, Picked Up
After Days of Agony, Tells
a Thrilling Story.

ADRIFT ALONE 48 HOURS

In a Raging Gale She Floated
Helplessly on the Ocean Off
the Maine Coast.

SEQUEL OF STRANGE AFFAIR

Fight for Supremacy Between Rival
"Queens" on Island Has a Peril-
ous Ending.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.]
BANGOR, Me., Saturday.—The terrible experience of Mrs. John Carter, of Owl's Head, who drifted in an open boat for forty-eight hours, ill and helpless, is without a parallel on the Maine coast. Mrs. Carter was formerly Clara Paine. Born of a sturdy family, possessed of an iron constitution and splendid courage, she survived the ordeal and will undoubtedly recover her health. Hardships such as she endured would have proved fatal to the ordinary woman, and she owes her life to her naturally strong physique.

It was Tuesday afternoon when the Gloucester fishing schooner Hazel O'Brien, Captain William Malanson, was coming East from the Group Banks with a cargo of fish, bound for Gloucester, and was about thirty miles east of Mount Desert Rock, when a dory was seen adrift and picked up. A woman was lying on the bottom of the little boat. At first she was supposed to be dead, but after administering stimulants and chafing her hands and feet, she revived sufficiently to say that her name was Mrs. Carter, that she had started from Monroe's Island, had broken an oar and after suffering intensely from cold, hunger and thirst had lapsed into unconsciousness.

Captain Malanson headed for Long Island, the nearest land, and there left the rescued woman. During the passage to the island she was delirious and feverish, and the men of the schooner feared that she would die before land could be reached. She lay in a stupor all night, and in the morning powerful resuscitating appliances were covered sufficiently to tell in a fragmentary way of her experiences on the sea in a small dory.

She said she was Mrs. Carter, whose husband, John Carter, lived on Monroe's Island, opposite Owl's Head. She recalled starting to row from Monroe's Island some time Sunday night to the mainland. One oar broke and she had drifted in the darkness to sea when she saw the schooner. She did not know whether she reached the easterly or westerly channel, but the mussels which she could not determine.

The wind blew a gale and she became terribly frightened. She was in a dory and shouted at what she supposed were boats passing, but they did not see her dory or heed her cries of distress. In agony she cried, while the dory, driven by heavy seas, bore her into the mysteries of the great ocean, while the links of the oars added to her terror. She imagined she heard help near at hand and could distinguish the sounds of men talking, but eventually these voices were only delusions, and she said that she realized how hopeless were her chances of rescue.

MRS. CARTER WANTED TO WANDER.
A great thirst came upon her and she scooped the sea water from the boat and gulped down. She was then seized by a fever and became violently ill and her mind began to wander. At daybreak a violent gale arose and the dory was in a perilous state, half crazed and buffeted by heavy seas.

Up by the hurricane force of the wind. She did not recollect much more, except that her head was in a high-bursting and her throat was parched.

She could see schooners afar off, but was too feeble to make a distress signal. That was all that she could recall of the fearful experience of forty-eight hours, half of which was spent in a hurricane and in which she had drifted several days.

And now comes an interesting story from Owl's Head of how and why the rescued Mrs. Carter was in that dory so far from her summer home on Monroe's Island.

Monroe's Island contains about one hundred and seventy-five acres, heavily wooded, and in the center is a small settlement, the sovereignty of fishermen. There are three camps there this year and a woman dwells in each of the two most pretentious. Mrs. Carter and her husband occupy one, and there is at times a dispute as to who is queen of the island.

Mrs. Carter is about forty-five years old. She usually spends her winters at Rockland Point, but with the first approach of spring she betakes herself to her island home across the bay.

When lobstering is good and the cod, haddock and hake are biting freely, money is plenty on the island and the Rockland Point Crustacean is banished by entertainments on certain occasions, when the various camps smoke the pipe of peace and quarrel the cup that makes them forget that they are obliged to forego the luxuries of city life. One of these celebrations was held last Sunday.

RIVAL "QUEENS" MEET.
In a charming grove, high above the sea and carpeted with soft green verdure, they came together. The islanders entered into the spirit of the occasion. It was to be a gala day. Between the courses a long bottle was passed around, and during the feast at least half a dozen of these bottles were emptied. Suddenly it was discovered that all the bottles were empty and it was yet early in the evening.

Discontent made its appearance, and the old dispute regarding the queenship of Monroe's Island was revived. Suddenly Mrs. Carter and her husband went at each other. For the subjects this was great sport, for there had never been a genuine hair pulling match on the island in its history. It is probable that she was blown in a westerly direction and passed out to the open sea by Fisherman's Island. Search was made in vain for the missing woman, and she was given up for lost by her companions.

WOMAN KILLS SNAKES AND SAVES HER BABY

Attacks Two Rattlers That Threat-
ened the Lives of Herself
and Child.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.]
ALTONA, Pa., Saturday.—Mrs. Joseph Burton, of Haneyville, Centre county, saved the life of her one-year-old child to-day and then despatched a snake that menaced her own life. Mrs. Burton had gone to a pasture to milk two cows. She left her baby asleep on a mat in the kitchen.

As she returned she saw a monster rattlesnake, half coiled on the floor, within two feet of the baby. The mother's strength gave way and she fell against the baby's high chair, on which there was another rattlesnake. Springing up, she hurled the two gallons of milk which she carried in the repulse on the floor, at the same time deluging the baby. Convinced that the rattlesnake started for the door, Mrs. Burton seized a broom and broke its neck.

At this moment the snake on the high chair struck at the woman and missed her. Mrs. Burton killed it with the broomstick.



MRS. JOHN CARTER

QUEENS RAILWAYS A BELMONT PURCHASE

This the General Belief in
Banking Circles Regarding
Trolley Sale.

RICH FRANCHISES OBTAINED

Forty-Second Street Tunnel and
Blackwell's Island Bridge
Rights Transferred.

Banking circles yesterday credited the purchase of the electric railway companies in Queens and Nassau counties with having been made primarily in the interests of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company. No official identification of the purchaser could be obtained, however, from the United States Mortgage and Trust Company, but persons identified with the Long Island Railroad denied that the Pennsylvania Railroad Company had anything to do with the purchase.

George W. Young, president of the United States Mortgage and Trust Company, was not at his office. To a HERALD reporter, however, this was said:—"It is true that control of the electric companies mentioned has changed hands and that this company is acting as fiscal agent in the deal. The title, however, is not being transferred to the trust company. It is possible that some statement may be made on Mr. Young's return next week."

August Belmont was also absent from the city. A representative of the firm said he could not deny that the Interborough was interested in the purchase of the electric lines. A business associate of Mr. Belmont admitted that the Interborough had been negotiating for the properties, but did not know whether they had been purchased for them.

It was intimated that the rights of the Pennsylvania were conserved and that the railroad would have some interest in the property.

William K. Giles, of No. 41 Wall street, who is credited with having executed the deal, could not be found at his office.

Rumor of Another Syndicate.
There was another rumor of a far-reaching enterprise, backed by Western capitalists, to construct a trolley system threading Long Island east, west, north and south, with at least six or eight intermediate cross-lines. Among the companies named as being interested in this project are the Brooklyn, Bay View Landing, Prospect and Mineola Transportation Company, the Bayshore and North Shore Transportation Company and the South Side Traction Company.

All street, however, nothing could be learned of the scheme, and its conception was dismissed.

In the offices of the electric railway companies in Long Island City the day of the immediate and far-reaching consequences. There was a meeting of the directors of the New York and Queens County Electric Railway Company on Friday, at which the entire Board resigned. The resignations were accepted by William R. Shelmerdine, the president, with the other officials, then also resigned.

Among those who handed in their resignations was one who appeared on the list of the company's officers as "J. M. Tritt, Treasurer." This was Miss Ida M. Tritt, a young Philadelphia woman, who was formerly employed by the Interborough Traction company as expert accountant. She is about twenty-seven years old, slender, with dark hair.

When the Queens county road was reorganized, not long ago, Miss Tritt was elected secretary and treasurer. It is believed that she will receive a responsible position under the new management, owing to her thorough knowledge of railroading.

More than one hundred miles of trolley road have been constructed along the coast, operated by the New York and Queens County Electric Road. Besides extending through Long Island City, the branches reach out to Flushing, College Point, Jamaica, and by connection there with the New York and North Shore Road run to Far Rockaway. Another branch known as the old Division road, takes in all the cemeteries from Long Island City to Middle Village.

New Management in Charge.
At the offices of the New York and Queens County company no information could be obtained concerning the details of the transfer. The new management has taken charge of the concern, but several days will pass before the new officers are announced.

Mr. Fuller, the general manager of the road, was in charge yesterday, but he said that he knew nothing of the purchase, although he was a member of the Board of Directors that resigned.

BAND MUSIC MAKES ALMSHOUSE GAY

Aged Inmates Dance to
Strains of "Wearing of
the Green."

DELIGHTS CITY OFFICIALS

Aldermen Satisfied That Appro-
priation to Cheer the Poor
Was Well Advised.

James E. Dougherty, Deputy Commissioner of Charities, conducted yesterday afternoon the opening of a series of band concerts to be given during the remainder of the summer season for the benefit of the city's poor at the almshouse on Blackwell's Island. Several Aldermen and city department officials were present.

These concerts were made possible by a resolution offered in the Board of Aldermen two weeks ago by Alderman James J. Devlin appropriating \$1,000 for the purpose, and yesterday's excursion was intended to show the value of the charity.

Before the party reached the almshouse Commissioner Dougherty held them up for a while at the City Hospital, where the boys of the band of the Mission of the Immaculate Virgin, who furnished the music for the concert, played "Hawthorne" for the patients.

At the almshouse dock hundreds of the inmates, men and women in blue and white checked dresses, docketed down to see the band, with delight at the anticipated entertainment subtitled in their faces.

At least five hundred of the two thousand or more inmates gathered around the band, and when the boys started "The Wearing of the Green," got up and swayed to dances on the lawn in front of the band. Among them were William Burns and his wife, the fifty-three years married couple, and Mary Nash, who, though she weighs close to two hundred pounds, insisted on dancing to every dance.

After the concert was over the visitors went to the old Blackwell Farmhouse, between the almshouse and the penitentiary, which is now Superintendent Roberts' home. The Superintendent, Mrs. Roberts and their two sons and grandsons, served refreshments after which a series of the party, the most of whom was "Billy" Lee, Commissioner of the city, gave an amateur vaudeville performance.

These concerts will be given every Saturday hereafter.

M'CLELLAN IN RACE FOR FLOOR LEADER

New York Representative May
Give John Williams a Lively
Fight for Position.

HERALD BUREAU,
No. 124 EIGHTH STREET, N. W.,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Saturday.
Judging from the opinions expressed by Senators and members of the House who have been in Washington recently, it is by no means certain that Representative John Williams is going to be the choice of the democrats for floor leader.

Representative George B. McClellan, of New York, is coming to the front, and his selection is now among the possibilities.

Before the close of Congress it was practically arranged that Mr. Williams should have the position, but since then several other powerful candidates have appeared and it now seems more than likely that a contest will develop.

Mr. McClellan is said to have the support of the Eastern democrats. All of his delegation have announced. It is said, their intention to support him.

WOMAN ATTACKED IN A CAB.

Joined Two Strange Men in Vehicle and
Was Later Found Stabbed
in Side.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.]
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Saturday.—Miss Ruth Powell, a young woman living in South Senate avenue, was the victim of a strange attack late last night. She hailed a passing cab to be taken home. Two men were in the vehicle at the time.

Later the woman was found lying on the floor of the cab. She had been stabbed in the side and struck with a sharp instrument on the head. She said she did not know the two men, and remembers nothing but the blow on the head.

Miss Powell had some money in her pocket, but it was not taken. The men escaped.

CHEWING GUM CAUSES DEATH.
Lauretta Thibler, three years old, of Madison street, Morris town, N. J., died here yesterday as a result of chewing gum. She had a stick of gum in her mouth and swallowed it. This caused spasms, from which the child died yesterday.

MR. LOW FAVORS ASPHALT REFORM

Mayor to Consider Suggestion
of Changes in the City
Charter.

MANY REPAIRS ARE MADE

Unusual Activity Shown by Street
Contractors in the Shop-
ping District.

Mayor Low announced yesterday that he assented to a recommendation of the Grand Jury that a commission be appointed to suggest changes in the charter of the city which would do away with much of the complexity in laying asphalt contracts as a very important and valuable suggestion. The Mayor declared that upon returning from his vacation he would give the matter immediate attention, with a view to adopting the Grand Jury's suggestion.

Additional evidence of the fact that the asphalt companies have been brought to a real sense of their lack of diligence in making repairs was seen in Broadway yesterday. The companies stationed bands of laborers at many points in the thoroughfare. The work was hastened by inspectors, who were giving more than usual care to the kind of pavement being laid. The pavement was not of the familiar thin pulvise type, but evidently designed to stand close inspection, for under the new system the Controller supplements the inspection of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Merchants of Broadway have often complained of the ruts in what should be the best paved street in the world. In the whole of the city there are only two streets where the ruts are so bad as Broadway. From Thirtieth street to Herald square the operations of the contractors were especially conspicuous.

Commissioner Livingston left his office at an early hour yesterday. Before he left, however, he received the complaints of many citizens sent through the Herald. He said that he would give them immediate attention, and where arrangements had not already been made for the required repairs he would do all in his power to see that there was an improvement in the condition of the pavement.

Explaining the situation the Commissioner said that the many permits given for opening the streets and depositing building material on the sidewalks of the city had done much to keep them in a state of repair.

Much interest has been shown in the new general repair contract which is to be re-announced soon from the Controller's office. The new contractors are charged exclusively with the repairing work of the city. One hundred streets have been mentioned in the general repair contract, which covers breaks in the pavement from Cedar street to 150th street.

Hundreds of men were at work last night in Broadway and Twenty-third street making the much needed repairs to the asphalt pavement, and their activity was continued until midnight.

CITY JOTTINGS.

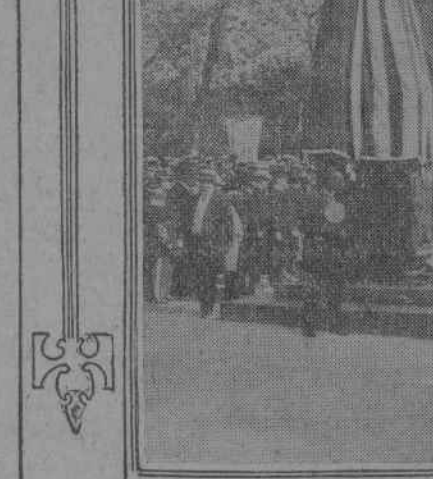
Twelve hundred persons took advantage of the opening day of the public bath at the foot of East Thirty-first street, which is the fourteenth bath now counted in the city.

William Corcoran, a brakeman of the New York Central Railroad, was crushed between two freight cars on the New York street, which was struck just after midnight.

Then a thousand persons before noon yesterday made use of the new "L" station at Second avenue and Seventy-second street, which was opened just after midnight.

Statue of John Ericsson Is Unveiled

Centennial of the Birth of the Designer of the Monitor
Marked by Presentation of New Monu-
ment to the City.



APPRENTICE BOYS FROM THE COLUMBIA AT THE UNVEILING OF THE ERICSSON STATUE BATTERY PARK

In celebration of the centennial of the birth of John Ericsson, the designer of the monitor, the statue erected in his memory in Battery Park was unveiled yesterday.

The ceremonies of the unveiling were preceded by a parade which started from Union square about three o'clock in the afternoon, the line of march being down Broadway to the Battery. In the parade were companies from Fort Slocum, Fort Hamilton and Fort Wadsworth, two companies of marines, two companies of bluejackets, a corps of naval veterans and the Swedish guard. There were also forty-one Swedish American societies and unions, besides Post No. 516, of the G. A. R., and Company G, of the Fourteenth Regiment, N. G. N. Y.

In Battery Park a great crowd gathered about the statue. Among the first to arrive at the speaker's stand were Major General Adna R. Chaffee and his staff, and Admiral Rodgers, accompanied by Lieutenant Commander Fountain Christian, Captain Hays, Swedish Norwegian Consul General, Park Commissioner Young, of the borough of Brooklyn, the Bronx, Mayor Low and his party were received by Ernst Lundgren, the master of ceremonies.

Mr. Hartley occupied a place on the speaker's stand, and Ernst Lundgren, the master of ceremonies, spoke for him in the formal presentation to Park Commissioner Young, of Brooklyn, who presented it to the city.

Mayor Low accepted the statue for the city, and was followed by Colonel William C. Church, author of the "The Life of John Ericsson," who delivered the oration of the day.

At the conclusion of Mr. Church's address Mr. Lundgren spoke of the great interest of the city in the unveiling of the statue. The statue is a bronze figure of the great Ericsson, represented standing with a model of the Monitor in his left hand, a scroll in his right, and facing the sea.

STOPS CITY MUSIC FOR TAMMANY CLUB

Park Commissioner Denies
Concerts at Stand Near
Tallapoosa Organization.

PELHAM PARK IS SILENT

Bands May Not Play in the Largest
Recreation Ground in
the City.

No longer do the strains of music float through the tree tops at Pelham Park to please the members of the Tallapoosa Club, which for a number of years have had Sunday concerts arranged for their benefit at the city's expense in front of the club house, on the south shores of East Chester Bay.

Among the members of the club, which is one of the prominent Tammany social organizations of the borough, there is much feeling over the edict of Park Commissioner Eustis, who has declined to make provision for music this year at Pelham Park, because he asserts that his predecessor in office had the band stand erected in front of the club house lawn solely in the interest of the club members and against the interest of the public.

Protest has been made against the order, but Mr. Eustis' decision is declared to be final in the matter. Pelham Park, as a result of the only pleasure ground in the Bronx without music. It is the largest public park in the city, embracing 1,145 acres. St. James Park, containing only twelve acres, and other parks of even smaller dimensions in the borough have been designated as concert places. It is pointed out by members of the Tallapoosa Club while Pelham is ignored, although there are three public band stands there for music.

These stands were erected by August Moebs, Park Commissioner of the Bronx under the administration of Mayor Van Wyck, at a cost of \$18,000. One of the stands, quite an ornamental affair, was built on the groundward directly in front of the Tallapoosa Club house. Louis F. Haffen, president of the Bronx Borough, and with other exceptions, all Tammany office holders in the borough are members of the club. John Haffen, a brother of the borough President, has been its president for years.

FIREMEN OVERCOME IN RAGSHOP BLAZE

Captain of Engine Company
Nearly Drowned in Fighting
Fierce Fire.

In a fire in the cellar of the building at No. 115 Christopher street, which was filled with baled rags and excelsior, several firemen were overcome by smoke.

First to arrive was Engine Company No. 18, Captain Root in command. At the head of his men Captain Root entered the burning cellar. He was met by a dense volume of smoke which prostrated him.

Three times Captain Root had to be rescued, and the third time he was so overcome that he fell on the floor of the cellar face downward in a pool of water. He would probably have been drowned but for Firemen Troop and Keating, who dragged him out at the risk of being overcome themselves.

Others were affected, but all recovered after treatment by a physician summoned from St. Vincent's Hospital.

One of those who heartily approves of the struggle to save the surface of the city is George T. Stockham, of the Criterion Hotel, and Alexander Shaw, who are devoting their energies to the saving of the city from a protest to the city officials, were as busy as though their fellows were not enjoying a holiday. They were held to-morrow, at which time will be held the Business Men's Committee will be formed.

This meeting will be held in one of the parlors of the Fifth Avenue Hotel, the proprietors of which are intensely interested in the movement. Those who have invited those who propose to take part in the fight to avail themselves of the hotel as their meeting place. Almost midway between the time of the disturbance, no better place could have been chosen, and it is the hope of the business men that many will find time to journey to the hotel and help to give impetus to the agitation.

One of those who heartily approves of the struggle to save the surface of the city is John S. Huyler. More than any other one who is in the movement, he knows from practical experience what is to be done. He is a business man by the training up of the streets before a store. He has been in Forty-second street, and there he saw his customers dwindling while the subway was being constructed.

He does not wish to have a similar experience with his store in Broadway, and it is the belief that he will render valuable aid to those who will lead in the fight to save the city's great street clean and safe.

At the meeting which will be held to-morrow, a petition will be drafted, which a sub-committee will take to the City Hall on Wednesday, perhaps, and before Mayor Low, with the views on the subject.

MUST CLOSE TRENCH IN HERALD SQUARE

Conduit Company Ordered to
Restore Pavement in
Three Days.

George Livingston, Commissioner of Highways, notified the Electrical Conduit Company yesterday that the trench which they have opened in Broadway from Herald square to Forty-second street must be closed within three days and the pavement restored.

The company had asked for a permit to make a similar trench on the west side of Broadway. Mr. Livingston refused their request and urged more expedition in laying conduits. There was no evidence of compliance with the Commissioner's warning for the workmen quit at noon yesterday without closing any portion of the opening.

"CADET" SENT TO WORKHOUSE.

Arrested on Girl's Complaint, Policeman
Says Julius Meyers Told of Work
He Was Engaged In.

On complaint of Alvina Bodenstein, of No. 24 East 115th street, a girl of sixteen, who came to this country four or five weeks ago from Hungary, Julius Meyers, twenty-seven years old, of No. 24 East 115th street, was sentenced in Yorkville Court yesterday to six months in the workhouse.

The girl testified that she is employed as nurse with a family living near Sixty-second square and that Meyer tried to induce her to go to a disreputable house.

Policeman J. Meyers told her he was paid \$15 for inducing an immigrant girl to go to a disreputable house and \$10 for an American girl.

BROADWAY MEN TO PROTEST TO MAYOR

Meeting To-Morrow Expected
to Petition Against Open-
ing of Street.

OBJECT TO BIG PLATFORM

Elevated Stage Dangerous and
a Menace to Business,
They Say.

With few exceptions, the men who are in business on Broadway, between Fourteenth street and Forty-second, will begin, to-morrow, an active campaign to prevent the opening of that thoroughfare from being torn up, should the Rapid Transit Commission decide to have a spur of the subway in the street.

They are all on this topic and men in every class of trade are talking of little else. It is a matter of vital moment for them, for with the great artery resembling an immense ditch, as other streets all over the city have done for the last three years, they know their business will dwindle to such inconsequential proportions that ruin will stare many of them in the face.

The great army of women shoppers will go to other districts to make their purchases when they see the surface cars sliding over the frail wooden supports that are so common at present, and with their patronage diverted the merchants fear the result.

None of them put any faith in the statement that it will be possible for the contractors to erect an elevated, staging over the walks in such a way that all their material will be stored there, for use as needed, and that all the refuse taken from the hole in the ground will be carried directly there, and from there loaded into the carts which will carry it away. By this plan, so the friends of the contractors assert, it will be possible for the work to go along with little obstruction to traffic.

The storekeepers know better than this. They say that if the contractors would refuse to walk under such a trestle work, laden as it would be with tons of material. Then the main from the contractors for the reason that it would shut out all sunshine from the street and as one would care to walk along in the dark, with the added danger that at any moment there might be a collapse of the staging.

With the general closing of business houses on Saturday afternoon there were few of the merchants who are along Broadway who remained in the city yesterday. Many others had not come to the city, and therefore it was found it would not be advisable to call the conference which was projected by those who are prominent in the movement to have the contractors construct the subway by tunneling. As this conference would have done little more than outline a plan of action, little time will be wasted by the postponement until to-morrow.

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CITY GIVES TWO EXCURSIONS.

Special Parties Taken to Hart's, Riker's
and Blackwell's Is-
lands.

Two excursions left the Department of Charities dock, at the foot of East Twenty-sixth street, yesterday afternoon, under the auspices of the Departments of Charities and Correction.

The Massachusetts took 150 members of the Citizens' Union of Brooklyn to Hart's Riker's and Blackwell's islands.

The Charities boat Minnehaw took a party of City Fathers to Blackwell's Island to attend the first band concert under the appropriation made for that purpose by the Board of Aldermen. The Charities boat Fidelity made the regular eleven o'clock trip to Hart's Island.

[BY MEXICAN CABLE TO THE HERALD.]
LIMA, Peru, via GALVESTON, Texas, Saturday.—The steamer Duke of Fine has arrived here with twelve hundred Japanese men and women immigrants, who will settle in the States on the north coast.